

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

June 13, 2023

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following board members were present: Chad Murray, Chairman; Fred Young, Vice Chairman; Rick Baer, Pat Heraty and John Alleman. The following were also in attendance: John Lisko, Solicitor; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Rodney Eberly, Roadmaster; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer.

Murray called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Murray announced that the meetings are recorded and will be available on the Township website.

Baer offered a word of prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 to add two (2) items to the agenda. The items were 10G, to discuss Township engineer fees and visits to work sites; and item 10H, to discuss increase in quarterly cell phone stipends.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Bill Blair, McDowell Road, was present representing Antrim Township Citizens for Safe Water. Mr. Blair gave a brief update on their website and announced that residents may purchase yard signs to place in their yard to educate the public about safe water. Mr. Blair stated that there will be a meeting on FPR (Food Processing Residual) held this coming Friday, June 16, at 10:00AM in Harrisburg, PA. House of Representative, Paul Friel, will be addressing the FPR issue at this meeting. Mr. Blair will forward a viewing link to the Township once one is provided.

Medina Stockslager, Buchanan Trail West, addressed the Supervisors concerning her wish to see the speed limit reduced on Buchanan Trail West, stating that 55 mph is too fast for the people trying to exit Cedar Hill Cemetery, Talhelm's Convenience Store, Lizzie's Restaurant, and the many residential driveways. It was stated that this is a PennDOT road and that it would be up to PennDOT to reduce the speed limit on this road.

Nate Bacon, Wingerton Road, stated that Wingerton Road needs to be considered for reconstruction. Mr. Bacon said the road is in bad condition and has a sinkhole.

Jason Ankerbrand, Ridge Road, was present representing AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization). Mr. Ankerbrand made the Supervisors aware of a situation that happened at the park where the parks department found the lock broken to the AYSO storage area and replaced the lock without notifying AYSO and AYSO was unable to access their equipment.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated June 13, 2023.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request for 11677 Molly Pitcher Highway, allowing relief from §125 (Land Development) and from §126 (Stormwater), for a 5'x12' canopy over an existing concrete pad. No additional stormwater runoff will be generated. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Agreement to Amend the Subdivision plan for William C. and Wanda M. Beeler, Grant Shook Road. The Antrim Township Utilities Director approved sewer lines to be shared and the relocation of an easement. This agreement records the changes that were approved and constructed.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to conditionally approving the final plan for Greens of Greencastle Phase 6 & 7, 75 lot subdivision, Shannon Drive South, pending the receipt of their financial security in the amount of \$2,777,573.20 and signature from GAFCWA (Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority).

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 granting a 270-day extension request for Century Industrial Development, Molly Pitcher Highway.

Zoning Officer House presented changes to the Zoning Chapter as recommended by the Antrim Township Planning Commission. The Board gave authorization to proceed with preparing and advertising the following ordinance changes:

- Change Mini warehouse/self-storage to “Self-Service Storage Facility” throughout the code. Define “Self-Service Storage Facility” as *“Any facility designed and used for the purpose of renting or leasing separate, individual, or private storage space to individuals who are to have access to such facility for the purpose of storing personal property. A self-service storage facility is not a wholesale, warehouse, fulfillment or distribution facility.”*
- Remove Wholesale, Warehouse, Fulfillment and Distribution Facilities from the Highway Commercial (HC) district in the code in its entirety. Add a combined definition for “Wholesale, Warehouse, Fulfillment and Distribution facilities” as follows: *“A facility that receives, stores, manages, and/or ships products to a consumer, retailer, or other commercial user to be sold or stored. This includes general warehouses, wholesale business facilities, distribution centers, and the like.”*
- Add a 50' setback along Route 11, Route 16 and along I-81. These changes will be documented in §150-58 “Yard and Lot Regulation” section.

A Young/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing the purchase and migration of the Township's document management files from Revver to Document Locator at a cost not to exceed the amount budgeted.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the notice to the tenants at 2962 Conococheague Lane that their lease with the Township has been extended to September 30, 2023.

The Solicitor called for an Executive Session.

Murray reminded the Supervisors that the Utilities Director has additional information at the bottom of his update concerning his budgeted new hires for those interested.

Baer, speaking for the park department, stated that there were two (2) tournaments held at the park and everything went well. Baer commented that the park in general looks really good.

The Township Roadmaster gave a brief update to include the following: staffing issues, the road crew has been working primarily at the park, the rain garden at the new park building is partially completed. It was mentioned that Chad Murray and Rick Baer will be meeting with the Roadmaster to discuss road projects. Alleman asked the Roadmaster about the installation of the in/out signage for the recycle center gates.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-1 (*Baer opposed*) approving the hire of Christopher Ardinger for the vacant Township Administrator position. Mr. Ardinger was made a job offer and he has accepted.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving the hourly rate increase of one employee.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving a one-time stipend for two employees.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving FMLA paperwork for one employee.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 awarding the 2023 Line Painting bid for the southern portion of the Township to the lowest bidder, Alpha Space Control (Chambursburg, PA), for the amount of \$71,146.64.

An Alleman/Young motion passed 4-1 (*Baer opposed*) affirming the Burn Ban issued by the Township Emergency Management Coordinator on June 9, 2023.

Murray mentioned that he has fielded several questions from residents and developers concerning the cost and frequency of site visits from the Township's engineering firm, Dewberry. The Zoning Officer explained that each time Dewberry goes to a site for inspection, a daily field report is issued stating what they inspected, hours on site, and pictures. When the invoices come to the Township for payment, which are then rebilled out upon satisfactory review, the invoices are compared to the daily field reports and a work log. The Zoning Officer stated that they rarely come across an error, but when they do it is corrected. The Zoning Officer continued by stating these visits are necessary to ensure the various stages of construction are done properly, as it would be more costly to have to dig up a site to repair something improperly installed. It was also added that Dewberry is obtaining GIS data needed for our ESRI maintenance records for MS4 compliance. The Zoning Officer feels the time/cost for the Dewberry site visits is not out of control but will caution Dewberry to be mindful of their time at job sites.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the increase of the cell phone stipends for critical staff members from \$75.00 per quarter to \$150.00 per quarter, as there will no longer be any Township issued phones.

Alleman stated that there was a fire at the pallet company on N. Carlisle Street in the Borough. In response to Ms. Stocklager's earlier comment, Alleman said he would be in favor of conducting a traffic study on Route 16 if he thought it would have any influence on PennDOT.

Heraty welcomed Chris Ardinger to the Antrim Township staff. He commented that out of the 100+ applicants, it was narrowed down to 10 interview invites, and then narrowed down to 3 candidates. Heraty thanked staff for doing such a good job for sixteen months without an Administrator and believes Mr. Ardinger, along with staff, will accomplish the tasks that lie ahead.

Alleman stated that the Jerome R. King Playground will be celebrating their 100th anniversary this summer and asked if the Supervisors would like to issue a proclamation in recognition of this milestone. The Supervisors all agreed and asked staff to prepare a proclamation for the occasion.

Young thanked Alleman and Heraty for all their work in locating a candidate for the Township Administrator position. Young mentioned that Sam Worley (former County Commissioner, former Mayor of Chambersburg, former Borough of Chambersburg Councilman) turned 102 and sent out congratulations to him. Young said he looks forward to working with the new Administrator.

Murray stated that the G-A boys baseball team is playing their semi-final game tonight and wishes them well. Murray also thanked staff for their hard work in the absence of an Administrator and he welcomes Chris to his position.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, commented that he is not opposed to the large concrete barriers used when interstates are widened to the middle.

Nate Bacon, Wingerton Road, commented that he would like to see a single yellow center line on McDowell Road instead of a double yellow line, and asked that the line be straight as the last one was a bit crooked. Mr. Bacon also commented that the allocation of field time for the fields at the park are above board.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting into an Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Murray stated that during the Executive Session potential litigation and a personnel matter was discussed with no decision to announce.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary